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Attorney Docket No.	1002.2.91
First Inventor	Carl R. Stanford
Title	FLEXURE RESISTANT BASE PLATE FOR A BASKETBALL GOAL ASSEMBLY
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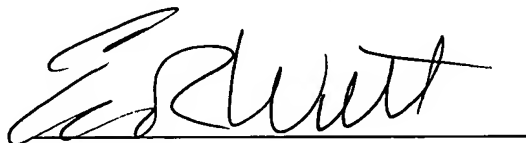
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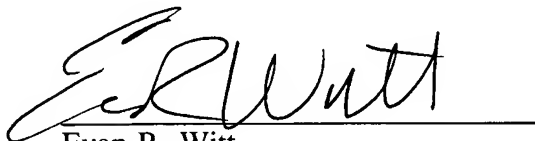
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